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Business majors voice concern

Lack of accreditation leaves students in limbo

By Mary Thomasson
Reporter

"Students have a right to know what is going on at the College of Business," said a student about the accreditation situation at the business college.

The opinion of David W. Brobston, Parkersburg senior, is one of many opinions students have concerning the business college, Brobston said. Many students said they were not aware before this semester that the College of Business is not accredited, he said.

Administrators of the College of Business have been attempting to achieve accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business for nearly 20 years and were within six positions of achieving that status before eight doctoral professors left the college, Brobston said.

Ph.Ds hard to get

The demand for doctoral business professors has caused market level salaries to rise, said Dr. Robert P. Alexander, dean of the College of Business. The Board of Regents is not funding enough money to keep the doctorates that Marshall has now, Alexander said. "I expect more doctorates to leave the college next year."

Jeff P. Rawson, Winterville, Ohio, freshman, said he has to leave the business college because he wants to go to law school and he needs a bachelor's degree from an accredited school.

"When I came here I just assumed the business college would be accredited," Rawson said. "I think the state of West Virginia does not care about the students of Marshall. We're always second best to West Virginia University," he said.

Brobston, a resident adviser at Twin Towers East, said four business students on his floor are leaving Marshall because the College of Business is not accredited. "The lack of accreditation is a strike against us before we even go for an interview," he said.

Brobston, a finance major, will graduate in December. He said by the time he found out the business college was not accredited he was so near graduating it was too late for him to leave. He plans to earn a master's degree.

No problem for some

Angela S. Anderson, Grafton senior, is an accounting student who plans to graduate in May. She says the business college's lack of accreditation has not made her less competitive with other business colleges, including WVU.

"I have applied for employment with public accounting firms, like Arnette and Foster that were recruiting at the business college," she said. "To me it seemed that our lack of accreditation did not bother them."

Joseph P. Carrus, Kenova senior, said he knows several Marshall business graduates who got high-tech jobs in Atlanta, Ga., and Richmond, Va., even though the College of Business isn't accredited.

Rodney D. LeGrand, Huntington senior, said he thinks the college has a lot to offer students. "Employers who are interested enough will interview you even if you don't graduate from an accredited school," he said.

He said he hopes the state will shape up. "As students we do not know what is really going on within the college because there has to be politics involved, along with other problems we don't know about," LeGrand said.

After-the-fact



Photo by Susan Nickels

The final buzzer didn't mean the end of the action at Saturday's Marshall-North Texas game. Frustrations built up during The Herd's 7-0 victory, resulted in a postgame shoving-match between the two squads. See related stories and photos on Pages 2 and 7.

Drug abuse by athletes diminishing but will never be totally eliminated

By Robert King
Reporter

The penalties for an athlete who tests positive to drugs at Marshall may be the most lax of any college in the country.

The policy for athletes who test positive was established by Head Athletic Trainer Dan Martin and Joseph R. Dragovich, director of special services at Marshall.

"We might be the only university in the country that allows athletes to test positive four times before we release them from the program," Dragovich said. "We try to give them every chance for rehabilitation before we have to cut them."

Dragovich said the policy is based on criteria the athletes themselves decided on.

Dragovich said the first time an athlete tests positive the athletic director, coach, trainer and the school's counselor are all told about it and the athlete meets with the counselor for help if there is a problem.

The second time he tests positive his parents are also told and he is suspended from practice for one week. He must also sit out one contest.

After the third positive, the athlete is suspended from two week's practice and disqualified from two contests.

"In all probability his athletic career at Marshall is over after the third positive," Dragovich said. "But if he really tries to get help, we might give him one more chance. However, if he tests positive a fourth time, that's it, he's out."

Dragovich said the tests are not as easy to cheat on as people think. He also added it's not as easy to mask the drug while it is in the athlete's system.

"You hear a lot about people drinking vinegar and

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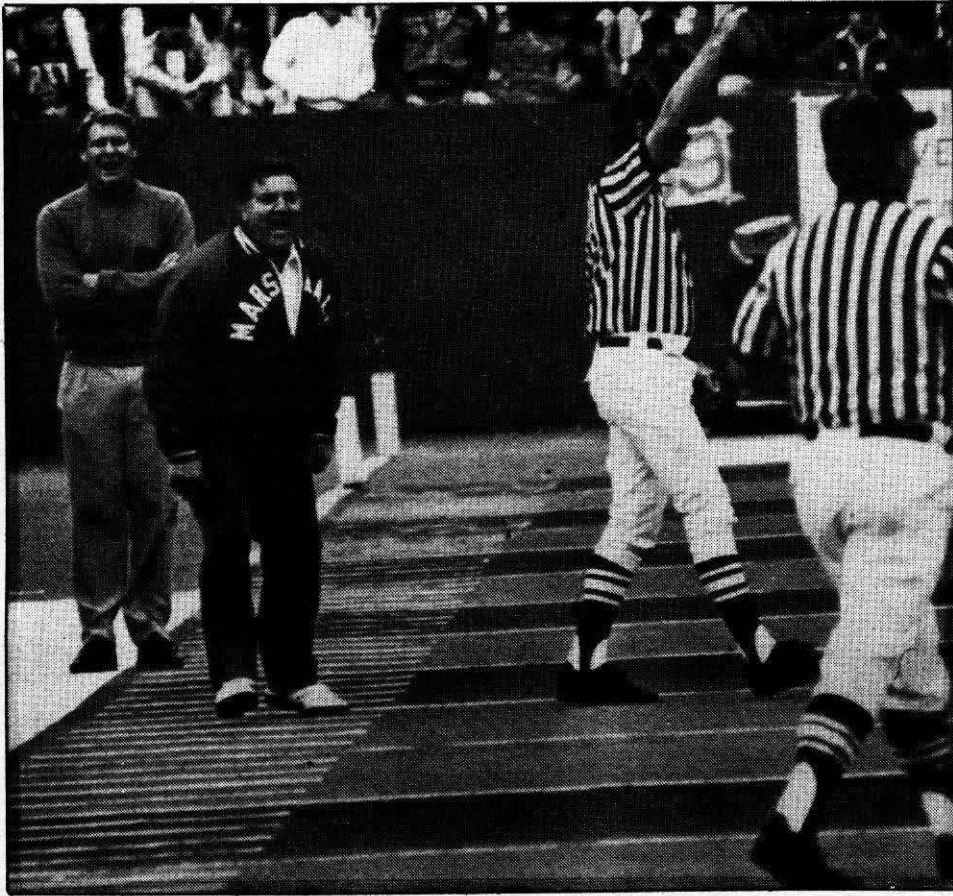
taking other substances to keep the drug from being detected, or adding chemicals to cover the drug when the specimen is screened. At Marshall, we watch very closely while the specimen is being collected. There is someone right there beside the athlete the whole time."

Recently, former Herd star Skip Henderson was suspended from the Charleston Gunners basketball team for testing positive for cocaine. When asked if Henderson tested positive while he was at Marshall, Martin said that information was confidential. He did say no changes are expected in Marshall's testing policy due to Henderson's situation.

Martin said the drugs tested for are cocaine, marijuana, barbituates, amphetamines, PCP, LSD, opiate-based compounds (heroin and morphine), alcohol and steroids.

Dragovich said drug abuse among athletes at Marshall is quickly declining, but he refused to comment on whether anyone has tested positive.

"Since the start of the testing, drug abuse at MU has diminished considerably, but it's never going to be completely eliminated," Dragovich said. "If we would have tested five, six or seven years ago, we would have had horrible results. The testing has proved to be a very nice deterrent to drug using."



Herd advances

(Above) Marshall Coach George Chaump displays his displeasure with a call in Saturday's 7-0 play-off win over North Texas at Fairfield Stadium. The win enabled Marshall to advance to the second round of the playoffs against Furman Saturday. (Above right) Bruce Hammond avoids a North Texas tackler and heads up field for first down yardage. (Right) Marshall's Tim Flaherty (87) closes as teammate Eric Tyler (31) hits North Texas' punt return man. Chaump said he was happy with the play of special teams the entire game. The punt coverage team recovered a fumble that led to Marshall's only score. (Below) Some of the 15,086 fans on hand participate in "The Wave" as it makes its way around Fairfield Stadium. "The Wave" has circled the stadium at every home game this year, and will have the opportunity again Saturday when the Herd hosts Furman at 1:30 p.m.



**Photos
by
Robert Fouch**

OPINION

Go Herd!

Hats off to Coach George Chaump and the football team for an outstanding performance Saturday at Fairfield Stadium.

Despite being given one of the toughest matchups in postseason play, the Herd defense held back highly-touted North Texas for a 7-0 victory. The Herd's next hurdle on the road to Idaho is this Saturday's game against the Furman Purple Paladins. Because it would be difficult to single out any one outstanding performer, we applaud the entire defense: linebackers Nick McKnight, Rondell Wannamaker, John Spellacy and Larry Huffman; defensive backs Kenny Green, Von Woodson, Derek Grier, Reggie Giles and Stanley Hall; defensive linemen Bill Mendoza, Rory Fitzpatrick, Ken Pepe and Larry O'Dell.

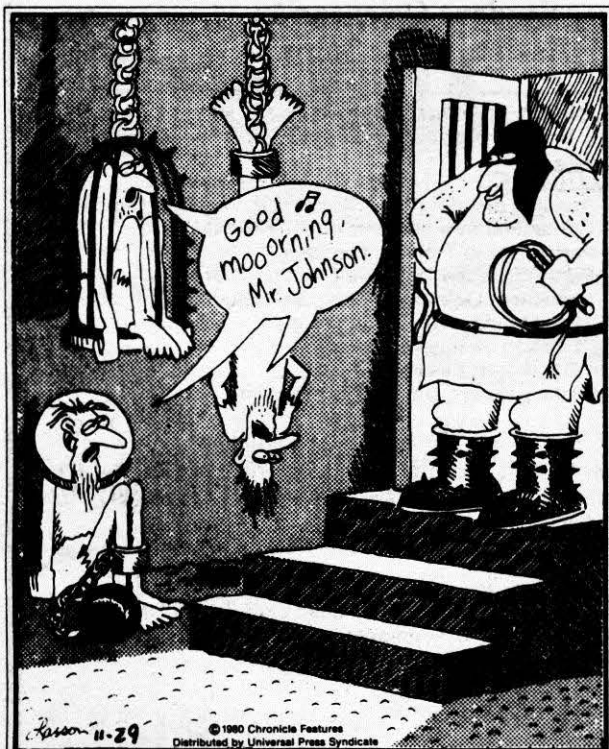
As Athletic Director Lee Moon asserts, much of the Herd's success depends on fans. If Fairfield is packed, the football team not only will get a psychological lift, but also will be in a position to play yet another playoff game at home.

Marshall defeated the Purple Paladins earlier this season, but all teams' adrenalin pumps especially high in postseason play. We have a feeling the Purple Paladins will be ready to avenge their earlier loss. It's up to the Herd faithful to cram Fairfield and send the Paladins packing.

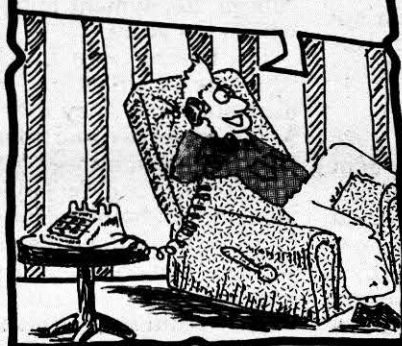
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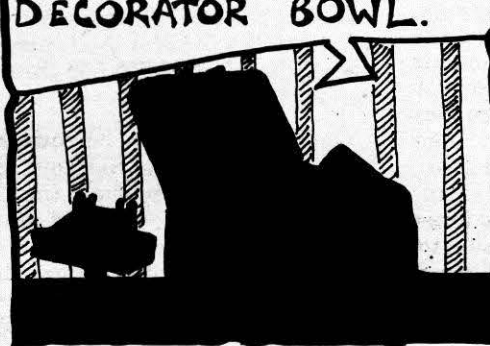
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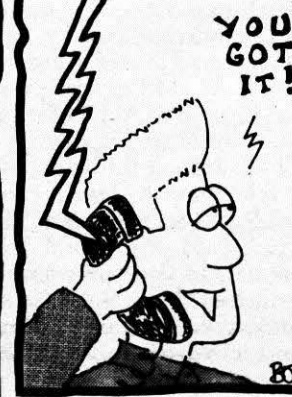
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Stats should've been checked out

To the editor:

I am writing in response to a very alarming article printed in the November 1 issue of The Parthenon. The article was the first of a four-part series on suicide written by Gary Young.

Upon reading the article, particularly the section that denoted the number of suicides by race, I knew immediately that something was amiss with the reporter's figures. My past experience as a mental health counselor is what prompted me to know that the figures were wrong.

I knew that black women committed suicide at a much lower rate than white men, white women, or black men. The article stated that black women committed suicide at a rate of 5.3 per 100,000 compared to white women who had a rate of 2.1 per 100,000 in the 15-24 age group. This means that black women were committing suicide at almost 2.5 times the rate of white women.

The fact of the matter is that the complete opposite is closer to the facts. Mr. Young not only reported the figures in reverse, but, they were also incorrect. The report actually shows that in 1985 there were 1.5 suicides per 100,000 in the 15-19 age group for black women compared to 4.1 per 100,000 for white women. Black women in the 20-24 age group committed 2.4 suicides per 100,000 compared to 5.2 per 100,000 for white women.

Needless to say, Mr. Young's figures were incorrect for black males and white males. White males are the runaway winners in terms of succumbing to the pressures of this society.

I spoke with Mr. Young on at least three occasions and left messages for him several other times over the past three weeks which was more than enough time to get this matter cleared up by reprinting the actual facts. The young man obviously had no intention of following this through. He started out fairly well by saying that he would check the figures. Meanwhile, I immediately called a library clerk who confirmed that the young man's figures were suspect.

Mr. Young called again to say that the figures may have reflected all age groups which I immediately rejected by stating that black women, to my knowledge, were the lowest percentage. He said that he would check once again. Several days later, I called him again and again he promised to follow it up after a weekend out-of-town. That

conversation took place November 11. I have not heard from him since even after having left messages. I then gathered the facts myself in less than a half hour, thus you have the aforementioned figures.

The most pressing question to me is, why would The Parthenon allow a reporter to submit information that is incorrect, particularly, when what has been printed affects a whole group of people negatively. Furthermore, this is even more appalling when one considers that the group receiving the direct hit once again is black people whom many whites have treated as the doormat of this society for centuries.

Mr. Young is in no way totally at fault, but, he could have done a better job and cleared this up weeks ago. The Parthenon, on the other hand, needs to do a much better job of follow-up. I suggest that in the future, when a story is being published that may affect a whole race of people in a stereotypical manner, that the information be gone over with a fine tooth comb beforehand and not after-the-fact.

Furthermore, for those readers who may feel that I am making an issue out of a possible honest error or that this is solely an isolated incident, then think about this! Why is it that many people in this country take a burglary, assault, or rape by a single black man, for example, and because of this isolated incident, every black human being is suddenly a threat to do the same. This is simply ludicrous!

Finally, this type of mentality was exemplified by the way the Bush camp, with the help of the press, galvanized the American people over an isolated incident concerning Willie Horton. This was simply a political ploy that camouflaged its intent by looking at prisoners in general whereby I feel that the real intent was to continue to polarize the American people by conveniently coaxing race into the limelight. Incidents like these are why I made an issue of my initial part of this letter. The power of the press is so strong that at times it has the ability to shape our minds in any fashion that it wants to. Therefore, I feel that it was my duty to correct something that was unjust.

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MONEY & COLLEGE

Read fine print when getting that loan, officials caution

By Shawn Ramsey
Reporter

Most students do not realize what they are getting themselves into when they borrow money to pay for their education, said Nadine Hamrick, assistant director of financial aid.

All students must sign a promissory note which explains all about the loan when they borrow money. However, many do not read these before they sign, said Edgar W. Miller, director of the Office of Financial Aid. "Most students are just worried about paying for college, not about their future debts, so they do not take time to learn about their responsibilities as borrowers," he said.

Hamrick said she would encourage students to read their promissory notes before signing them. She also said students should keep records of how much they have borrowed and from what programs. This may help prepare students for future debts.

Loan borrowers are required to attend

an exit interview before leaving college. In this interview, the financial aid officer explains the payment procedure, including how much the student will have to pay and how long they will have to pay it. "Most students think if they borrow a certain amount of money that will be how much they will owe, but in actuality they may owe twice that much, depending on the interest rate," Hamrick said.

During the 1987-88 academic year approximately 2,615 Marshall students borrowed a total of \$5,705,658 through the various loan programs.

Out of these 2,615 borrowers, 2,028 borrowed from the Stafford Student Loan program, previously the Guaranteed Student Loan, which is the largest federal loan program. These loans are approved by the college and made by a local lender such as a bank. The student may borrow up to a total of \$17,250 as an undergraduate. Repayment begins six months after the student graduates or

withdraws from college. Interest is 8 percent for the first four years of repayment, but then it becomes 10 percent on the unpaid balance. Repayment must be completed within ten years.

The Perkins National Direct Student Loan is a federal loan made by the college. The student may borrow up to \$9,000 as an undergraduate. The interest is 5 percent, and repayment begins after graduation or withdrawal from college. Repayment must be completed within ten years.

The Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students, PLUS, is for parents of dependent students. They may borrow up to \$4,000 each year, and interest may vary. The borrower may begin repayment within sixty days or defer payments until the student graduates. The Supplemental Loan is for independent students and follows the same procedure as the PLUS.

The Teddi-Bear Student Loan program is operated by the West Virginia Board of Regents and the State Treas-

urer's office. Parents of students attending an in-state college may borrow up to \$6,000 each year. They must have collateral and a co-signer may be required. Repayment will begin when the student graduates or withdraws from college, or within five years, whichever comes first.

Many borrowers do not realize they may be eligible for deferments, a time in which the loan payments do not have to be made, Hamrick said. They may be eligible if they are receiving rehabilitation training, serving active duty in the armed forces or the Peace Corps, are teachers in teacher-shortage areas, or if they incur financial hardship.

If the student does not repay the loan within the specified time, the loan may then become defaulted. Defaulted loans may have long-term penalties such as loss of future financial aid, court action or prosecution, assignment to collection agencies, and withholding of state and federal tax refunds.

Family housing offers ways for qualified students to stretch dollars

By Lisa Tignor
Reporter

Married students and single parents attending Marshall may not be taking advantage of family student housing, according to Lola Mae Stratton, housing administrator.

Rent, which is set by the Board of Regents, for the apartments at Marshall University Heights ranges from \$170 to

\$300 a month, all utilities paid, except telephone and cable television.

"There are about 80 apartments, but several are in need of repair," said Stratton. "About 70 are rentable and about 65 are occupied now. Approximately 14 will be vacated for the spring semester, maybe more."

Stratton said notice will be given the first week of December about the available apartments, and giving students a

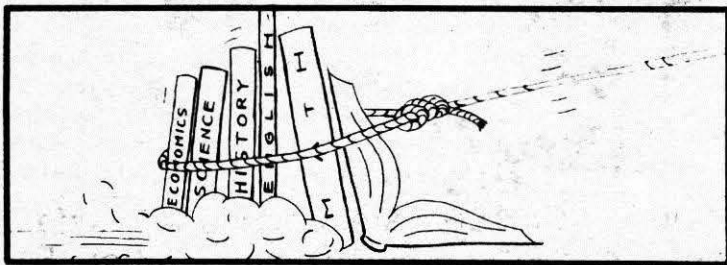
month to decide. Housing assignments are made on a first come, first serve basis. However married students and single parents get first consideration. Transfer requests from current residents also are processed before new applications are considered.

Monthly rental rates in the old building and new building are as follows: \$170 for an efficiency (old single); \$200 for a one bedroom (old double); \$230 for a

combined (single, old double); \$270 for a one bedroom (new single); and \$300 for a two bedroom (new double).

To be eligible for family student housing, one must be a full-time student at Marshall, either graduate or undergraduate, married, or single with the custody of one or more children. To maintain eligibility, the student member(s) of the family must carry a full-time academic load

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Med school officials hope for accreditation

By Jill Zegeer
Reporter

School of Medicine officials said they were confident accreditation for the medical school will be renewed in March even though the program and facilities have some problems.

An accreditation team from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education will be here in March to review the medical school's four-year program, which was last accredited in 1986.

Dr. Maurice A. Mufson, chairman of the school's self-study panel, said the school's main strong points are the teaching program, the sequencing of curriculum to allow students to have a program in two or three classes simultaneously, the greatly improved computer-based teaching program, and a good faculty.

Improvements are most needed in the areas of faculty recruitment, increasing the number of specialties offered in all departments, and increased faculty-funded research, Mufson said.

President Dale F. Nitzschke said accreditation should be renewed because of the "\$800,000 awarded in extra appropriations by the Legislature, recent hiring in critical disciplines and soon-to-be-formed ambulatory care center."

The \$800,000 was used to develop the Department of Surgery, the Department of Pediatrics and the Department of Obstetrics.

Three million dollars has been received from the community for an ambulatory care center, John L.

Zizzo, associate dean for finance and administration, said.

"The last accreditation team said the ambulatory care facility was not adequate," Zizzo said. "The \$3 million is a good start, but it won't cover the entire facility. The rest of the money will have to come from John Marshall Medical Services and additional fund raising."

"There are problems, but the LCME will be more concerned with how realistic our solutions are," he said. "The LCME team is a realistic group."

Dr. Johnnie L. Gallemore, chairman of the Department of Psychiatry, said strong progress has been made in the curriculum, but students still had too many tests and too much class time.

Gallemore said another area of improvement since the last accreditation visit is the medical school has developed a more systematic method of evaluating teachers, and has appointed two new faculty members to chairmanship positions for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Department of Pediatrics.

Problem areas are the need for more residencies, and marginal funding, he said.

Mufson, Gallemore and Zizzo all agreed the library is a weak point for the Medical School.

"The library ranked 137th out of 137 libraries," Zizzo said. The director of the health science library has asked for additional funds for books and journals, he said.

Flag football nets \$300 for charity

By Terri L. Simpkins
Reporter

Three hundred dollars was raised for charity during Marshall's flag football tournament Nov. 19-20.

The money will be donated to the American Heart Association, Jay H. Hatfield, Pi Kappa Alpha president, said. Originally, the money was to go to the Marc Buoniconti Fund. Buoniconti is a former Citadel football player paralyzed from the shoulders down as a result of an injury suffered during a 1986 game against East Tennessee State University.

Hatfield said the change was made because only six teams competed in the tournament. USF&G, the insurance company sponsoring the national flag football tournament, has a 10-team minimum an organization must meet before it can contribute to a charity that receives money from the national championship, such as the Buoniconti fund.

The money from the game will be divided by the American Heart Association, said Lassa Hughes, American Heart Association secretary. Sixty-three percent of the \$300 will go for research, Hughes said. The rest will be used for professional and public education; community services, such as purchasing cardio-vascular equipment for the YMCA; management and general costs, and fund raising.

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity won the tournament and a chance to compete in the national championships in New Orleans, but does not plan to participate at this time, Thomas A. Lovins, director of recreational sports, said.

CEU offers Vermont ski trip for break

If you've had a hankering to go skiing and are looking for some activity over Christmas break, a campus group may have an offer you'll want to check out.

A ski trip to Smuggler's Notch in Vermont for Jan.

1-6, 1989, is being planned by CEU.

The cost of the trip may vary according to CEU's cost of transportation, Jan L. Mahon, student activities coordinator, said. The price is expected to be \$275, but will not exceed \$300, she said.

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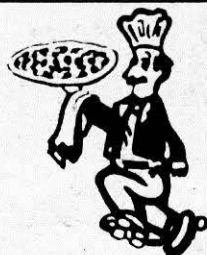
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MU, Chinese educators to discuss exchange program

By Lisa Tignor
Reporter

A delegation of Chinese educators will visit Marshall Dec. 6-7 to discuss the possibility of a student/faculty exchange program, according to Dr. William N. Denman, director of Marshall's Society of Yeager Scholars.

Activities for Dec. 6 include a noon luncheon with the Yeager Scholars, Honors Students and Chinese students at Marshall. Professor Che De-ji, president of Zhengzhou University will discuss Higher Education in China. The time of the lecture has not yet been decided. This lecture is open to all students.

"Students are encouraged to ask ques-

tions and make suggestions about the student exchange program," said Professor Zhang Kfu. "They are welcome to discuss what courses they are interested in, and most courses will be conducted in English."

Students participating in the exchange program would study at Zhengzhou University. "The location is excellent. It is in the center of the prosperous east coast of China, near Shanghai and Beijing. Those are two of the largest cities in China," said Kfu. "Zhengzhou is an ancient city by the Yellow River, the origin of China's culture. So if you can pay tuition here and study there, why not?"

Several students have expressed an

interest in becoming exchange students, Kfu said. A committee will decide which students will get to go to China.

"The President of Zhengzhou is eager to reach an agreement and everyone is optimistic," said Kfu. "We have models to follow; we are using another University's program as a reference and are trying to improve on it."

The reference program is James Madison University's agreement to send 20 sophomore students to China to study, and to accept 20 Chinese students every year.

Possible courses for students to study while in China include Chinese Literature in Translation, Chinese Philosophy, Chinese Economic and Political

System, Cultural Geography, History of Asia to 1600, or Chinese Art or Chinese Music.

Marshall is planning some fund-raising for the exchange program, according to Kfu.

Other members of the delegation include Qu Bing, director of the foreign affairs office of the Board of Regents of the educational commission of Henan Province, and the following administrators from Zhengzhou University: Professor Wang Si-Cheng, adviser to the president; Professor Wu Young-jie, chairman of the chemistry department, and Professor Li Yun Lou, chairman of the foreign languages department.

Substance abuse program offered in the spring

By Lisa Tignor
Reporter

Beginning in the spring semester, substance abuse programs are no longer part of the student health education programs. Substance abuse is now in a category all by itself.

Sharla Hofmann, substance abuse coordinator, joined the Marshall staff Sept. 11, making the job load a little lighter on Carla S. Lapelle, student health education program coordinator.

"I think the substance abuse program warrants full-time attention, and it will be a better program now," said Lapelle.

"It used to be one of the many programs under this office, making it difficult to provide the programming this area needs."

Part of Hofmann's job is to speak to classes about alcohol, drugs, or any related topic such as dependency, drug first-aid, or what to do if a friend has a problem. Steve Naymick, a counselor of student development, will also be teaching courses in peer counseling in the spring.

"Hopefully people who come out of this class can go out and talk to people about substance abuse. It pays \$25 per speech. But if people want to take the

course just to increase their general knowledge, they can," said Hofmann.

Hofmann also says she hopes "to be involved in giving presentations in the residence halls and to Greek organizations."

"A big part of the job is working with athletes," said Hofmann. "The NCAA requires some kind of prevention program." Hofmann also does individual counseling when people are referred to her or when a person volunteers to see her. "I will also see friends, spouses, and family members," said Hofmann.

Since the position of substance abuse coordinator became a separate position

when she joined the staff, funding for the program was necessary. The Funds Improvement for Post Secondary Education funded the program with a \$28,000 grant for the next two years. "MU didn't ask for a lot, so they didn't get a lot," said Hofmann. "There is also some funding from other sources. I was assured that funding would be picked up by other sources after two years, or I wouldn't have taken this position."

"On TAP" and "Alternatives" are two new programs under the area of substance abuse.

"On TAP", or the "On Taking Action Program" is a support group to help people deal with possible addiction. This consists of one and a half hour meetings on four consecutive days.

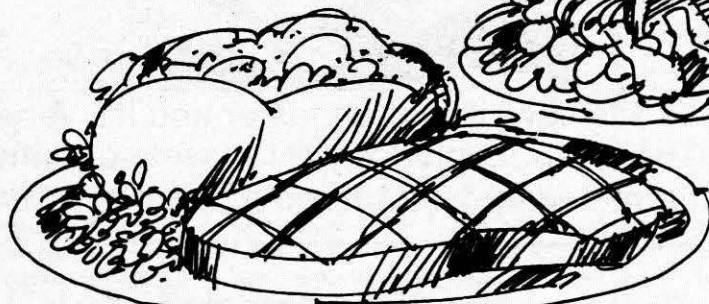
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'Big ball' shutout in first round of 1-AA

By Jim Keyser
Sports Editor

Defense wins championships.

Marshall Coach George Chaump has always said he can't reiterate that enough, but after Saturday's 7-0 win over North Texas in the first round of the Division 1-AA playoffs, he is probably beginning to believe the team has been listening.

Led by the return of linebacker John Spellacy, Nick McKnight's 11 tackles and a secondary that turned in its best performance of the year, the Thundering Herd shut out an opponent for the first time since defeating Morehead State 29-0 in the first game of the 1987 season.

"We shut out an excellent football team today," Chaump said afterwards. "I don't know if that's the first time they've been held scoreless this year, but our defense sure did a great job. I don't know how many times I've said that defense wins the big ball games for you, and that was sure apparent today."

Spellacy, who dislocated his shoulder three weeks ago against The Citadel, said he never doubted his appearance in the lineup.

"I always knew I would play if we made it to the playoffs," the senior said. "I have a real good brace on the shoulder, but I'm still taking a chance. It popped out in the first quarter and went numb, but it worked itself back in and felt great the rest of the game."

McKnight said having Spellacy back meant all the difference in the world. "He knows where everybody should be and what defense we should be in to attack the offense's alignment. Any time I'm unsure of something, he lets me know where to go and what to do."

Spellacy said he is happy to do his part. "I'm just glad to do what I can do. It used to be I'd make a lot more tackles because our defense was not as good, but now with guys like McKnight and Mendoza (nose tackle Bill) and Wannamaker (linebacker Rondell) around you, everybody makes the big plays, and we are winning because of that. That's what makes me happy."

Marshall took the lead on the Mean Green Eagles in the first quarter when John Gregory hit Mike Barber with a screen pass and the senior ran it in for an 8-yard score. Dewey Klein kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead, and that held up to be the final score as the defense consistently turned North Texas away.

"This is our first goose egg in a long time, and it feels great," nose tackle Bill Mendoza said. "With the way they were acting and the stuff they were talking the whole game, it was great to shut them down."

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(1) Idaho 9-1

(8) N. Western St. 9-2

(T-12) Boise St. 8-3

(15) Delaware 7-4

(4) Furman 9-2

(T-10) North Texas 8-3

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(5) Jackson St. 8-0-2

(9) Stephen F. Austin 9-2

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(3) W. Illinois 10-1

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Quarterback John Gregory throws one of many passes that helped the Thundering Herd defense shutout North Texas and win its first game in the Division 1-AA playoffs. The Herd will go against Furman Dec. 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the second round of the playoffs at Fairfield Stadium.

Photo by Robert Fouch

"I shook a couple of hands and was running up the ramp when I looked back and saw what was going on," Spellacy said. "Really, it was building the whole game and all week, though. They talked junk to us the entire game and really came in here with a freelancing attitude. When we saw them goofing off on the same field we work our butts off on to win games, it kind of made us think nobody is going to come in here and do that to us."

"I just hope they are having as much fun today as they did Friday at that practice session."

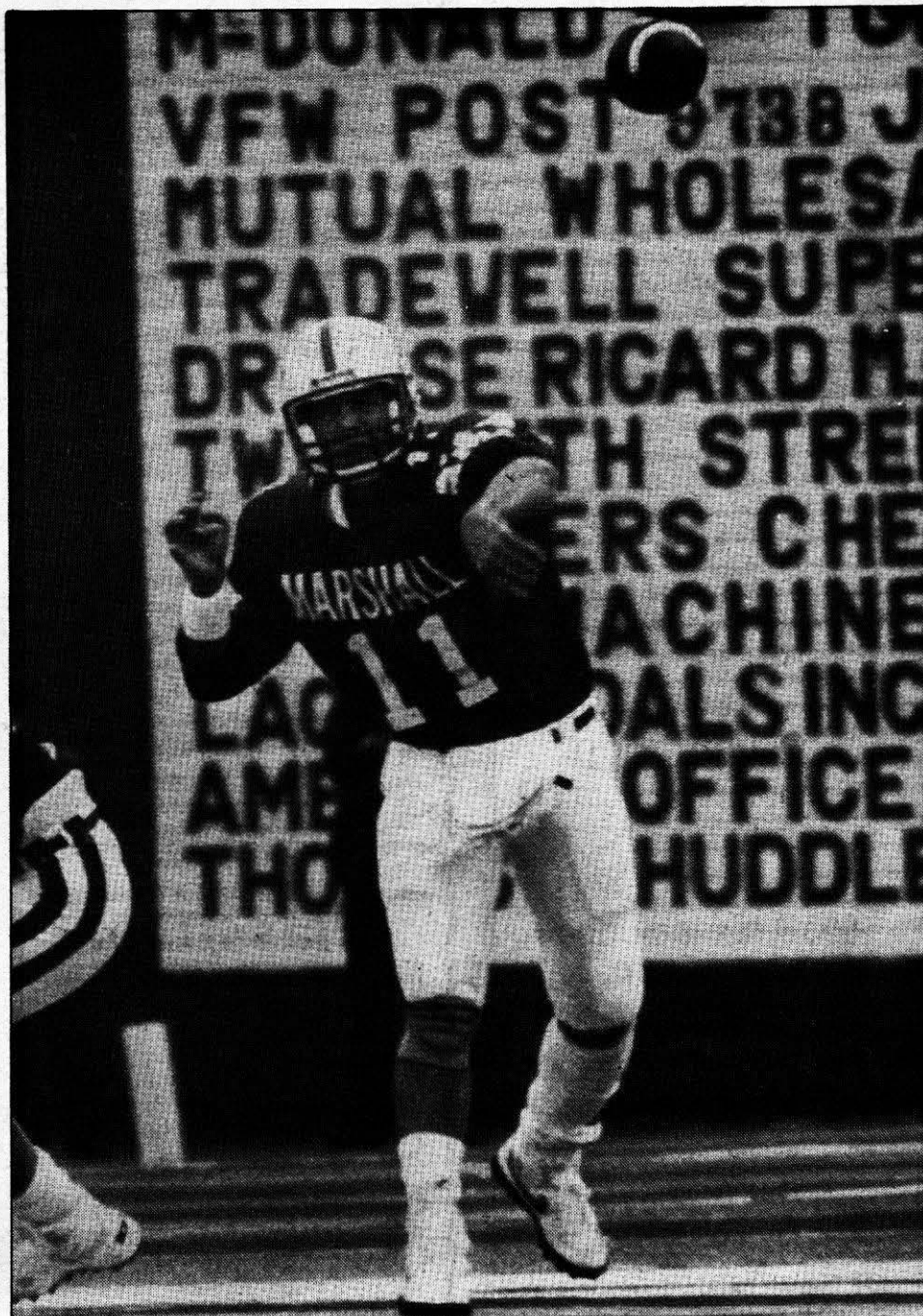
McKnight said North Texas was attempting something he does not think is possible—intimidating the Herd.

"We feel like we can go all the way and nothing is going to hold us back. We're like one big family out there. We proved we can't be intimidated."

North Texas Coach Corky Nelson was as impressed as anyone with the Herd defense. He came to the locker room after the game to congratulate the Herd and wish them luck.

"Guys, you have a damn good football team," Nelson said. "Your defense impressed the hell out of us. We knew you had a great offense, but that defense is great, too. You guys can go all the way, and I think you know that."

"If we started that thing at the end of the game, I apologize. We usually have more class than that. I wish you guys the best of luck and I hope you win the whole damn shootin' match."



Are you sure you want to get married?

By Michelle R. Schott
Reporter

If you are between the ages of 20 and 24 and are considering marriage, you may want to think twice, according to Donnalee Cockrille, coordinator of the Women's Center.

Cockrille said marriage is such a big step in life that it should not be taken lightly or rushed into, and often young people getting married do not think about it enough, as is evidenced by the highest rate of divorce being in the 20-24 age group.

Young people entering into marriage have no sense of their own independence, said Steve Naymick, counselor of student development. He said people often leave their family and create another dependency by going directly into a marriage.

Upon graduating from high school a person is forced to decide what direction to pursue, and Naymick said some people see marriage as a way to escape decisions like what job to take or college to attend.

He said many young people are not emotionally ready to marry, but, during college years, are either in the developmental phase of late adolescence or early adulthood.

Around the age of 24 or 25 a person begins to grow up and gain a better sense of self, Cockrille said. "The relationship may undergo radical changes."

At this time, individuals who are married or involved in a serious relationship may discover the relationship is not as stable as they had believed, she said.

Cockrille said one of the most important aspects of a marital relationship is friendship, because it is important for the partners to be good friends who can trust, respect and confide in each other.

However, she stressed being friends is not enough in itself. "There always needs to be some romance."

Cockrille said communication is another key ingredient. "Communication is one of the things that keeps a relationship together."

It also is important for potential marriage partners be able to talk to one another about the things that are really important to each of them, she said.

Naymick defined marriage as two people together in a relationship. He added this relationship should not be based on expectations or stereotypical roles placing the wife at home and the husband as the bread winner.

Naymick said relationships are often defined in these terms because of the idealistic view of marriage television provides, but that "life is not T.V."

Young women are often conditioned by society to believe they are somehow not "complete" unless they are seriously committed or married, and this belief may lead some to marry before they are ready, Cockrille said.

Naymick agreed. "They're socialized to marry," he said.

Cockrille said others continue in a relationship because they are waiting for a better relationship to come along or they are trying to escape an unhappy home life.

There are several signals which should alert those considering marriage to further assess the relationship, Cockrille said.

If one or both partners have experienced feelings of depression, a sense of no future, or wishes life was over, the relationship could be in trouble. "Any of these indicates that this is not the right person," said Cockrille. "Low level depression is indicative that something isn't right."

Other signals include constant bickering, selfishness or lack of respect by one or both partners, and mistrust.

Signals that should act as red flags are physical and emotional abuse and substance abuse, said Cockrille. She cautioned that while any of these conditions may be treated, treatment is possible only if the person is willing to seek it.

"You really do have to make an assessment," Cockrille said.

Cockrille offered some final points for

consideration: (1) Both partners should be willing to accept and like the other for what he or she is (2) A person needs to find a partner who has more positive traits than negative traits (3) It is important for each partner to know where he or she stands in the other's life.

Cockrille said that final point is crucial because if one partner is not first in the other's life and is unaware of that fact, it can be damaging to the self-esteem.

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